



Docket No.: 1185.1018

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re the Application of:

Kayoko MASAKI et al.

Serial No. 08/772,259

Group Art Unit: 2872

Confirmation No. 5740

Filed: December 23, 1996

Examiner: T. Nguyen

For: SURFACE LIGHT SOURCE DEVICE OF SIDE LIGHT TYPE (As Amended)

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Before further examination of the above-identified application, please amend the claims  
as follows: